

GERMAN LOSS BIG, SAYS HAIG

British Commander Pro-
duces Evidence of Ter-
rific Cost

NEAR THIRD DEFENSE

Many Prisoners and Much Equipment
Fall Into the Hands of British on
West Front

London, July 18.—Despite heavy
mist and rain which are interfering
with the Somme offensive, British
troops made substantial progress
last night on a front of 1,000 yards
in region of Ovillers, General Haig,
reported this afternoon.

The Germans were driven from
several strongly defended points
and prisoners and six Maxim's were
captured.

London, July 18.—The dispatch of
Gen. Sir Douglas Haig shows that
the steady pressure of the British
arms is forcing an ever-deepening
salient into the German lines and
the commander in chief for the first time
produces evidence in the shape of
documents captured from the Ger-
mans, giving testimony as to the
high price the Germans are paying
in casualties.

The British have improved their
position along the whole of
their line of the front, capturing by
assault 1,500 yards of German sec-
ond line positions north of Bazentin-
Le Petit wood, a strong German position
at the Waterlot Farm, between
Longueval and Cottenmont, besides
completing the capture of the whole
of the village of Ovillers La Boisé.

These gains bring the British al-
most to the crest of the Albert Pla-
teau, where stretches the German
third line.

The British official statement on the
progress of the campaign in the west-
ern front reads:

"Rain and heavy mist again inter-
fered with the operations. Nothing of
importance occurred on the British
front today.

"In the local actions which have
taken place we have captured some
more prisoners and the total number
of wounded German prisoners taken
by us since July 1, is 189 officers and
10,779 other ranks.

"The German losses in artillery are
even greater than at first reported.
The captured armament already con-
tained by our troops now includes
five 8 inch howitzers, three 6 inch
howitzers, four 6 inch, 5 other heavy
guns, 37 field guns, 30 trench howit-
zers, 66 machine guns and many thou-
sand rounds of ammunition of all
descriptions.

"The above is exclusive of many
guns not yet brought in and numbers
destroyed by our artillery bombard-
ment and abandoned by the enemy."

British Front in France, July 18.—
The British yesterday captured a
German trench in the neighborhood
of Pozieres.

The capture of the trench strength-
ens the new British line in this vic-
inity.

In an enormous cellar at Bezan-
tin Le Petit the British found several
hundred wounded Germans who had
taken refuge there. It was tragic
business for the British litter-bearers
bringing them back through the Ger-
manshell fire, which was meant for
the British reserves and gun posi-
tions. There were cases where a lit-
ter bearer was wounded and put on a
stretcher emptied when a wounded
German on it has been killed by the
same shell. The British persisted un-
til all who had not received a final
wound in transit were safe in the
rear.

The regular meeting of the Reliance
Engine Company will be held tonight.
Business of importance will be trans-
acted.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-
ell Cafe, Royal Street.

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THE SHARK MENACE

Thousands Trail Life Boats Con-
taining Shipwrecked Men

Philadelphia, July 18.—Fourteen sur-
vivors of the wrecked coal steamer
Ramos, who saw their captain and
ten members of the crew lost in a
sea alive with sharks, after their ship
was battered to pieces in a hurricane
fifty miles off the Bahama Islands,
reached this city yesterday on the
United Fruit Company's steamship
Jose.

The men had been in lifeboats
twenty hours without food or water,
when they were picked up forty
miles from the scene of the disaster.
The Jose found the men stark naked
in their boats. Thousands of sharks
trailed the battered lifeboats, and the
men were compelled to use the oars
to keep the sharks off. The sharks
got one member of the crew.

According to survivors, they saw
the steward of the ship snatched un-
der by a shark when he fell into the
water when the lifeboats were being
put over in a terrific sea.

Tampa, Fla., July 18.—Because im-
mense schools of sharks made fishing
impossible, the schooner W. D. Cash
of the Tampa fishing fleet, has re-
turned to port.

The sharks take fish that are hook-
ed before they can be brought into
the boat.

PLEA FOR SIR ROGER IS VAIN.

Senator Martine's Effort Fails to In-
duce Action by the Senate.

Senator Martine made a vain ef-
fort to get action in the Senate yester-
day on his resolution which would
ask the President to seek a stay of
execution of Sir Roger Casement's
death sentence. Objection by Sena-
tor Stone prevented consideration of
a motion to take the resolution out
of the hands of the foreign relations
committee, which has refused to re-
port it, and of a substitute resolution
requesting the President to have the
American Ambassador at London un-
officially urge a stay of the Casement
sentence.

"I ask in God's name," ejaculated
the senator, "have not Great Britain
and the world had enough of blood-
letting? Must more of human gore
be shed to satisfy this Moloch of
war?"

Referring to the days of the civil
war Senator Martine cited the atti-
tude of the British government and
people when Jefferson Davis, Presi-
dent of the Confederacy, was cap-
tured and the demand was made in
the North that the "traitor" and
"conspirator" should be hanged.

"Almost every great newspaper
and periodical in England," said Mr.
Martine, "invective against such a
course, insisting that it would be to
turn back the wheels of civilization
and human progress. Their pleading
had the effect of arousing public sen-
timent to a sense of justice and hu-
manity and the life of Jefferson Davis
was spared."

HIDDEN TO AVOID WITCH

Green Castle (Pa.) Parents Kept
Daughter Locked Up For
Three Months.

Green Castle, Pa., July 18.—Neigh-
bors of a family named Keller, who
moved to this city from the country,
near the mountains some months
ago, had observed that a daughter,
aged 21, had been missing since Eas-
ter. Inquiries met with evasive an-
swers and there soon was the feel-
ing that something was wrong.

The rumors spread, the stories be-
came magnified and Saturday a con-
stable was called and sent to the
house. He demanded that the daughter
be locked in an upstairs room,
as the stories had it, must be releas-
ed at once. After demurring a bit,
the parents unlocked a door and the
young woman was set free.

She had been penned in the one
room since the day after Good Friday.
Her parents said they locked her up
because she was being bewitched by
a hex doctor.

ABDUCTION FOILED

Hays, Kan., July 18.—An attempt
to abduct Ida Wilson, 17, was frus-
trated by two normal school students.
After she had been seized and taken
six miles in a motor car the girl
escaped into a field. When Lester
Wilson and Carl Kraus, the students,
approached in another car the ab-
ductors escaped.

TEUTON LINE AGAIN BROKEN

Russians Force Von Linsin-
gen Over Lipa, South
of Lutsk

TAKE 13,000 CAPTIVES

Von Hindenburg, in North, Also
Driven Back By Muscovites, Losing
Some Trenches

London, July 18.—The news from
the eastern front shares in interest
with the developments along the bat-
tle lines in France. The Russian com-
mander, General Kuropatkin, has
launched an offensive against Field
Marshal Von Hindenburg on the
Dvina river and Genu. Von Linsingen
troops southwest of Lutsk have been
compelled to retire behind the Lipa
river, while in the course of Sunday's
fighting in Volhynia the Russians
captured an additional 13,000 pri-
soners and 30 guns.

Gen. Von Linsingen's retirement,
according to the Petrograd military
critics, represents a great Russian
tactical success. It was preceded by
heavy fighting, in which the Russians
smashed the Teuton front on a width
of a mile and penetrated several
miles into their positions.

Petrograd, July 18.—The Russians
are continuing their successful ad-
vance in the region of the Lower Lipa
the War Office announced today.

The number of prisoners taken by
the Russians in Volhynia yesterday
was nearly 13,000.

Berlin, July 18.—A withdrawal of
German troops under General von
Linsingen southwest of Lubek to a
point behind the River Lipa is of-
ficially announced by the War Office.

ORDERED TO REPORT

Engineers of Deutschland Ordered
Back to Vessel

Unexpected orders for the engineer-
ing force of the German submarine
Deutschland to report at once were
received in Washington last night
and gave rise to the belief that the
submersible will depart shortly on
her return voyage.

The sailors were enjoying a day of
Capital sight-seeing and were sched-
uled to wind up their entertainment
with a reception at the German
Sangerbund, when the orders were
received to return at once. They im-
mediately boarded autos for Balti-
more.

Gus Buckholz, who was host of the
party on the tour of the capital, yester-
day said that he knew nothing
about the cause for the sudden de-
parture.

It is believed that the Deutschland
will slip quietly out of her landing
and submerge before she reaches the
high seas in order to avoid enemy
ships that are said to be waiting her
departure just outside the three-mile
limit.

TO FORM SCOUT COUNCIL

Meeting to be Held in Westminster
Building to Take Steps to Or-
ganize Governing Body

A number of business men prom-
inent in this city have been invited
to attend a meeting tonight in the
Westminster Building which will
have for its purpose the organiz-
ing of a local council for the Boy
Scouts of this city. It is intended
to have this council serve as a gov-
erning body for the scouts of this
city and to have control of matters
pertaining to their welfare.

Men prominent in the Boy Scout
work of Washington will address the
meeting tonight, and it is expected
that much interest will be developed
among the local business men.

Harry W. Rudd, is scoutmaster
of Troop No. 1, of this city, Boy
Scouts of America, and there is also
a small troop of scouts formed from
the younger boys of the Second Pres-
byterian Sunday school. The meet-
ing will be held at 7:45 p. m.

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELL CRABS

AT JACOB FRILL'S FOOT KING ST

ALEXANDRIANS IN RAIN

Torrential Downpour at Brownsville
Render Camping Conditions
Uncomfortable

Another letter has been received
in this city from one of the mem-
bers of company G, Alexandria
Light Infantry. The command is
still at Brownsville, Texas. Nothing
outside the ordinary has occurred, so
far, and all the Alexandrians are
well. The writer says rain has fallen
recently in torrents in Brown-
sville and vicinity, hence the camp is
not in a desirable condition.

Enclosed in the letter referred to
were pictures of houses in Metamor-
os, which were interesting to the
Virginians, they never having seen
such human abodes before. Among
the pictures were also scenes in Mer-
cedes, where tropical vegetation was
studied with interest by the Alexan-
drians. The palms and cactus plants
in the public park, were especial
studies for the boys.

The Alexandria soldiers have been
paid off up to date.

LOOK OUT FOR BOMBS

Deutschland, On Eve of Departure,
Placed Under Heavy Guard

Baltimore, Md. July 18.—Fear of
spies and bombs seemed to be strong-
ly upon the crew and managers of
the German super-submarine
Deutschland. The vigilance of the
past week has increased. Even po-
lice officials who had been permitted
free entrance to her pier were bar-
red, a special watchman headed off
messengers and mail-carriers all
night the powerful searchlight on
the tug Timmins played nervously
over the waters to pick up launches,
and to search the shore for un-
welcome watchers. "Drive them away
quick" was the shout from the Tim-
mins to the police on shore, when
the searchlight revealed newspaper
"spies." "For heaven's sake don't
let them stay there." A special de-
livery messenger arrived at the East-
ern Forwarding dock with a small
package, presumably a gift, from an
admirer to Capt. Koenig. "You sah't
come in here," said the German
guard abruptly. "I won't take that
package." The messenger was sur-
prised. "Will you write that down
or I'll get in trouble," he replied.
And the guard wrote it unmistak-
ably, with the added information
that there is no use in trying to
deliver any packages at the dock.
The inference from this generally is
that the Deutschland folk fear an
attempt to wreck the ship.

Dressed up in fresh green paint
and decorated with traces of white
at bow and stern, to resemble the
ocean waves, the Deutschland still
lies at the pier.

CASEMENT TO DIE

Court Dismisses Appeal of Irish Re-
bel After Hearing Counsel's
Argument.

London, July 18.—Roger Case-
ment's appeal on the charge of high
treason, for which he was sentenced
to death, was today dismissed.
The court of criminal appeal an-
nounced its decision after listening
to arguments by Alexander Sullivan,
Casement's counsel, who contended
that the instructions to the jury in
Casement trials were inaccurate, and
that the actions complained of in the
indictment did not constitute a sta-
tutory offense.

Unless the Crown commutes the
death sentence, Casement will die
on the gallows.
The justices dismissed the appeal
with out hearing counsel for the
Crown.

NATIONAL CAMP MEETING

One-Quarter Mile West of
Lodge Gate,
Mt. Vernon, Va.

Regular daily services 10 a.
m. and 7 p. m.

EVERYBODY INVITED.

Electric cars leave Alex-
andria every hour.

TWENTY LIVES

LOST IN FLOOD

Damage Estimate at From
\$10,000,000 to \$15,-
000,000

RAILROADS HARD HIT

Scores of Bridges Carried Away.
Tracks Washed Out and Telegraph
Lines Demolished

Raleigh, N. C. July 18.—Twenty
persons are known to have perished
in the storm which swept North
Carolina, according to delayed dis-
patches reaching here this after-
noon.

Raleigh, N. C., July 18.—Flood
waters which swept parts of North
Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia,
Tennessee and West Virginia, tak-
ing a toll of at least 11 lives, render-
ing hundreds of persons homeless
and doing property damage variously
estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$15-
000,000 are receding.

The worst conditions obtained in
western North Carolina where the
flood was described as the most dis-
astrous in the history of that section.

Between Asheville and Salisbury
railroad bridges were washed out on
Catawba river and further south
along the same river railroad and
highway bridges were carried away
and tracks were placed under water.
Sawmills and other property as well
as livestock suffered throughout this
section.

Similar conditions obtained on the
Yadkin river around Lexington, N. C.,
and dead animals, wreckage from
mills, cotton, tobacco, oil and other
debris floated down the raging stream.

In the Piedmont section of South
Carolina crops suffered great damage,
highway bridges were washed away
and railroad service was badly inter-
rupted. The Southern Power Com-
pany's plant near Spartansburg was
flooded, tying up the interurban line
between Spartansburg and Greenwood
and Gastonia and Charlotte.

Asheville, N. C., July 18.—The
death list from the flood that over-
whelmed this section of North Caro-
lina Sunday was increased to eight.
Reports from Madison county said
two lives were lost and that 53 houses
were demolished in Marshall. The
water was receding yesterday and
no more fears are entertained for
the breaking of the dam at Lake
Toxaway.

The body of Miss Charlotte Walker,
a nurse was found today at Bilt-
more. Miss Mabel Foster, another
nurse, and Miss Louise Walker, also
lost their lives at Biltmore. These,
with the death of Lonnie Trexler, a
white laborer, and Luther Frazier, a
negro, brings the list to eight.

Seventy five families, mostly cot-
tonmill workers, residing in the low-
er sections of Asheville lost their
homes and are being cared for by a
citizens' relief committee.

Asheville still is without gas or
electric power, and the price of gaso-
line had gone to \$1 a gallon. City
officials confiscated the entire supply.
No trains left yesterday and none ar-
rived.

Miss Nelle Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mul-
holland, reported drowned when the
home of their father, J. C. Lipe, at
Biltmore, was washed away, were
found tied in the top of a tree, ac-
cording to reports received here. No
reports of further loss of life have
been received.

The Swannanoa and French Broad
rivers are falling rapidly.
Conservative estimates of flood
damage place the figures at \$10,000,
000 in Asheville and an additional
\$1,500,000 in Buncombe county.

Twelve hundred persons are with-
out employment and it will be days
before their employers can open the
factories and mills along the French
Broad river front.

Salisbury, N. C., July 18.—Reports
from Statesville said three children
were drowned in Alexander county
when a farmhouse was undermined
and swept away by the Catawba
river.

Columbia, S. C., July 18.—Rivers
throughout South Carolina continue to
overflow their banks, causing the

loss of millions of dollars in property.
Railroads are the principal sufferers
miles of track being inundated and
trestles and bridges wrecked.

The situation in Columbia is the
most critical since the memorable
flood of 1908.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 18.—A mil-
lion acres of corn and peanuts in the
Tennessee River Valley, between
Chattanooga and Paducah, Ky., are
under water from 4 to 15 feet as a
result of the swollen condition of the
Tennessee river in that section. The
loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. Many
persons are homeless.

Report from Dandridge about 40
miles the river, indicate that thou-
sands of acres of river farms were
inundated and that crop damage was
heavy.

Ronoke, Va., July 18.—Swollen
by heavy rains in Southwest Vir-
ginia and Western North Carolina,
New river, which early Sunday morn-
ing reached the highest stage that it
has known since 1878, has damaged
houses, bridges and railway tracks
along the Galax branch of the Nor-
folk and Western Railway and along
the main line of both Norfolk and
Western and Virginia Railways.

Many buildings were swept away,
several large houses at Radford be-
ing completely destroyed.

POSTMASTERS GIVEN INCREASE

Cities and Towns of State, With Few
Exceptions, show Larger Volume
of Postal Business

Under the annual readjustment of
postmasters salaries made on the
first of each fiscal year, July 1, Vir-
ginia postmasters fared very well
this year, with fifty-nine increases
and only eight decreases. These
salaries are based on the net receipts
of the offices of the year. Most of
the changes amount to \$100, but there
are several changes of \$200 and \$300
each. The greatest salary change in
the State is at North Emporia, where
the salary is reduced from \$2,200 to
\$1,800. This also relegates the of-
fice from second to third class. Most
of this decrease is understood to be
owing to the dropping off of the li-
quor dispensary business there, which
had been very thriving in past years.

Among the fifty-nine Virginia post-
offices to get increases, together
with their salaries for the fiscal year,
ending June 30, and their salaries for
the next fiscal year, commencing
July 1, 1916, are the following:

Office	Last Year	This Year
Berryville	\$1,700	1,800
Bluemont	1,100	1,200
Colonial Beach	1,400	1,500
Culpeper	2,200	2,300
Danville	3,100	3,200
Edinburg	1,300	1,400
Fortress Monroe	2,700	2,800
Front Royal	2,000	2,100
Herndon	1,500	1,600
Leesburg	2,200	2,300
Lynchburg	3,500	3,600
Middleburg	1,300	1,500
Mount Jackson	1,400	1,500
Newport News	3,100	3,200
Orange	2,100	2,200
Petersburg	3,300	3,400
Remington	1,000	1,100
Vienna	1,100	1,200
Winchester	2,600	2,700

The post office at Warranoe has
been reduced from \$2,400 to \$2,300.

HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Charlotte Physician Under Arrest
Following Young Woman's
Ante-Mortem Statement

Charlotte, N. C. July 18.—Dr. J.
W. Summers a physician of this city
has been ordered held without bond
by Coroner Hovis, following an in-
quest and verdict that Miss Annie
Jones twenty-four years old, of
Greensboro, daughter of former
Sheriff B. E. Jones, of Guilford
county, came to her death from an
illegal operation, alleged to have been
performed on June 26 by Dr. Sum-
mers. The young woman died Sun-
day afternoon in a hospital here, af-
ter her case had been declared hope-
less more than two weeks ago by
attending physicians. She gave a
sworn statement, accusing Dr. Sum-
mers. Dr. Summers came here six
years ago.

Alexandria Council, No. 5, Order
Fraternal Americans, will give an
excursion to Colonial Beach to-mor-
row.

Hard Shelled crabs at the Ram-
ell Cafe, Royal Street.

GERMANS RETREAT NEARLY TEN MILES

Kaledin's Left Wing Makes
Swift Advance in
Volhynia

TAKE MORE CAPTIVES

Heavy Guns and Large Supplies of
War Material Fall Into the Hands
of Czar's Troops

Petrograd, July 18. — The Ger-
mans have retreated nearly ten mil-
es in Volhynia under the swift ad-
vance of General Kaledin's left wing.
In their hastily retirement, several
thousand more prisoners, a number
of heavy guns, and large supplies of
war materials fell into the hands of
the Russians.

The retreat was made necessary
when several Russian regiments
broke through the German front and
threatened to surround a part of
General von Linsingen's army.

The Russians have advanced their
lines to the north bank of the river
Lipa, and are strengthening their
new positions on the entire front.

The advance widens the Russian
salient extending into the Austro-
German front southeast of Kovél,
thus removing the danger of crush-
ing enemy attacks on both sides of
the Russian wedge.

All along the eastern front, the
Czar's armies have suddenly resumed
the initiative.

The Russian left wing in southern
Bukovina is again in motion against
the re-enforced Austrian army.

Infantry combats are becoming
more frequent in Galicia, and both
artillery and infantry activity are
reported on General Kuropatkin's
front in the Dvinsk-Riga region on
the north.

The Russian commander on the
Austro-German front, however, are
compelled to share public interest
with the Grand Duke Nicholas, whose
new offensive in the Caucasus con-
tinues to make progress.

SLAUGHTER OF ARMENIANS

Special Correspondent of Paris Jour-
nal Continues Investigation
Into Massacres

Paris, July 18.—The Journal con-
tinues its inquiry into the Armenian
massacres, and its special correspon-
dent at Erzerum writes:

The mere mention of the figures
at times exceeds in tragic eloquence
the most pathetic recitals. At the
beginning of the year 1915, there
were in Turkey 2,500,000 Armenians.
Today there remain but 500,000.

"Two million human beings, four-
fifths of a nation exterminated—such
is the work of the Young Turk gov-
ernment, a government which, when
it came into power, was acclaimed by
the whole of civilized Europe as a
humanitarian and a progressive one."

"The Central Armenian Bureau at
Tiflis ascertains that the number of
Armenians who have escaped massa-
cre and been deported to Mesopotamia
is only in round figures 100,000, and
this number is daily on the wane, as
they die in large numbers owing to
dis-ease, privation and bad treatment."

"It is believed that 100,000 Arme-
nians are still in Cilicia, and there are
about 150,000 others in the western
countries of Asia Minor. The number
of those still at Constantinople and
Smyrna is estimated at 180,000."

"These figures give a total of 530-
000 survivors, which is no doubt the
maximum. To this number should be
added 200,000 refugees, who succeed-
ed in crossing the Russian frontier
and are in the Caucasus."

"All the other Armenians perished."